

1 registers of wills will in any way be lost to the state.

2 I repeat again that the work of that office and
3 the statutory responsibility assigned to the register of
4 wills is a quasi-judicial function to register the wills
5 as an officer of the Court under the present court struc-
6 ture, that will no longer be the situation, and I respect-
7 fully suggest the most convenient and efficient method for
8 this judicial arm of the judicial system to operate is a
9 special deputy or in some category under the clerk of
10 court, more closely assigned to the judicial branch, and
11 I envision the register of wills of the future to be al-
12 most identical with the trust clerk that we now have in so
13 many counties to whom the duties of administering trust
14 estates is exclusively assigned, *subject to the supervision of the court.*

15 I can assure you that my first opinion, rejection
16 of this amendment will not in any way derogate the im-
17 portant functions now performed by the register of wills
18 and I am confident that many of the present registers of
19 wills or their very competent deputies will be continuing
20 as part of the Clerk's office function under the overall
21 proposal that our majority has recommended and I